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NIDA Budget

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	
	Actuals (\$k)	Enacted (\$k)	PB (\$k)	
Base	\$1,150,367	\$1,191,403	\$1,165,449	
HEAL	\$470,967*	\$266,321	\$266,321	
Total	\$1,621,334*	\$1,457,724	\$1,431,770	
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^{*}Reflects total HEAL funding obligated in FY 19, regardless of source. Includes 1-year funds provided in FY 19 and balance of 2-year funds provided in FY 18.

Milestone highlights

Rapid Standup & Execution

EARLY APRIL

FNIH (Foundation for the NIH) collaborates with NIH to launch the Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions & Vaccines (ACTIV) Public-Private Partnership

EARLY JUNE

Ramp-up of additional Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADxSM) programs

EARLY JULY

RADx Data Hub effort and RADxSM-ATP program kick off

LATE JULY

Jumpstarting Access to Clinical Data for COVID-19 Research Virtual Workshop

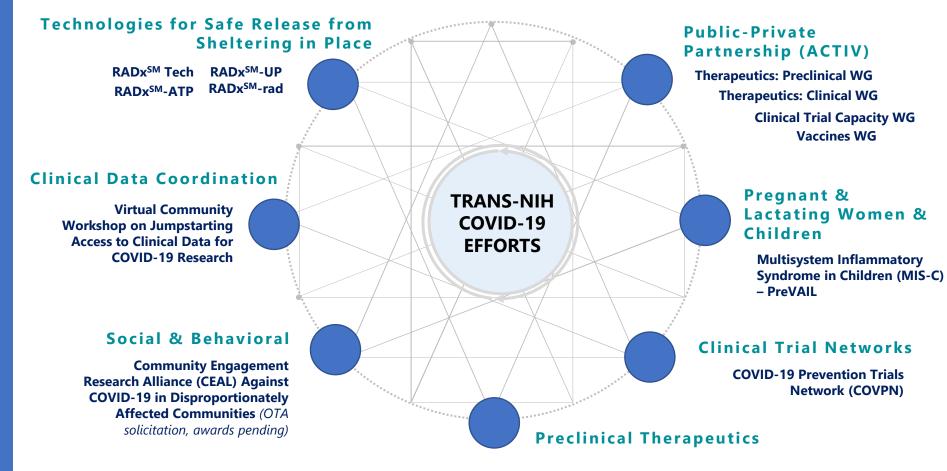
EARLY AUGUST

Kickoff of increased focus on community engagement efforts & PreVAIL announced

TRANS-NIH COVID-19 EFFORTS

NIH National Institutes of Health

In response to COVID-19, NIH has **multi-IC collaborative** efforts to address interdisciplinary challenges associated with the pandemic



These efforts directly support the NIH's **Strategic Priorities** outlined in its **Strategic Plan for COVID-19 Research**:

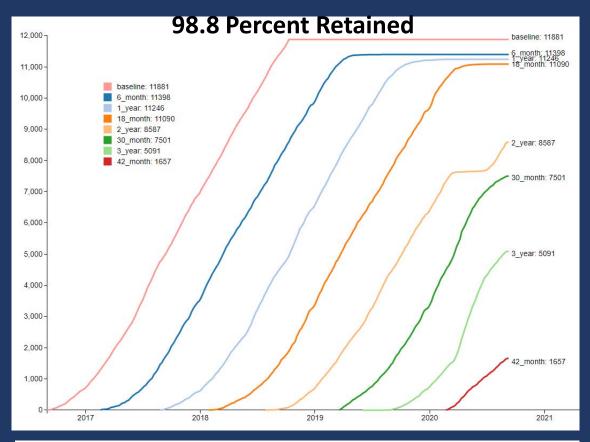
Improve Fundamental Knowledge

Advance Research to Improve Detection Support Research to Advance Treatment

Accelerate Research to Improve Prevention

Prevent and Redress Poor COVID-19 Outcomes

Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study



COVID-19 Adjustments

- Resumed 2-year follow-up visits (either virtually or hybrid)
 - In-person brain imaging, select neurocog assessments and sensitive questionnaires
- No biospecimen collection
- 3-year follow-ups continuing virtually



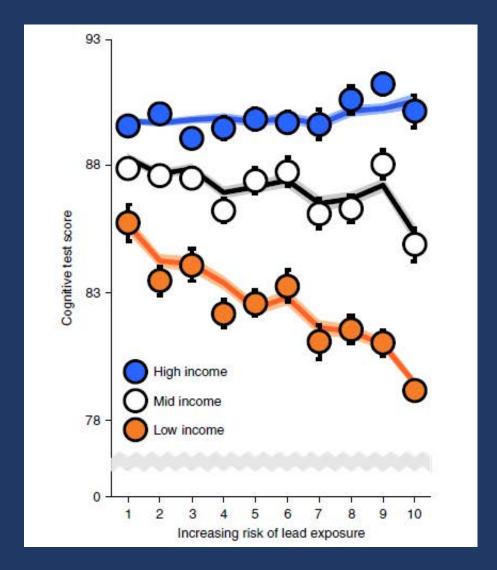


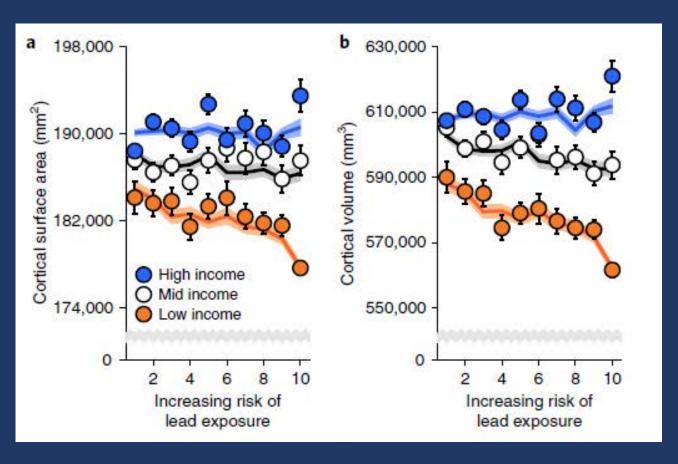
COVID-19 Data Collection

- Monthly COVID-19 questionnaires beginning May
 - Funded by NSF, NIDA, NIMH, OBSSR, Children and Screens
- Characterize community- and regional-level impacts of COVID -19 by geocoding measures of incidence, spatial distancing, changes in (un)employment, and timing of state and/or local policies on mitigation practices
 - Funded by NIH COVID-19 Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impacts Group

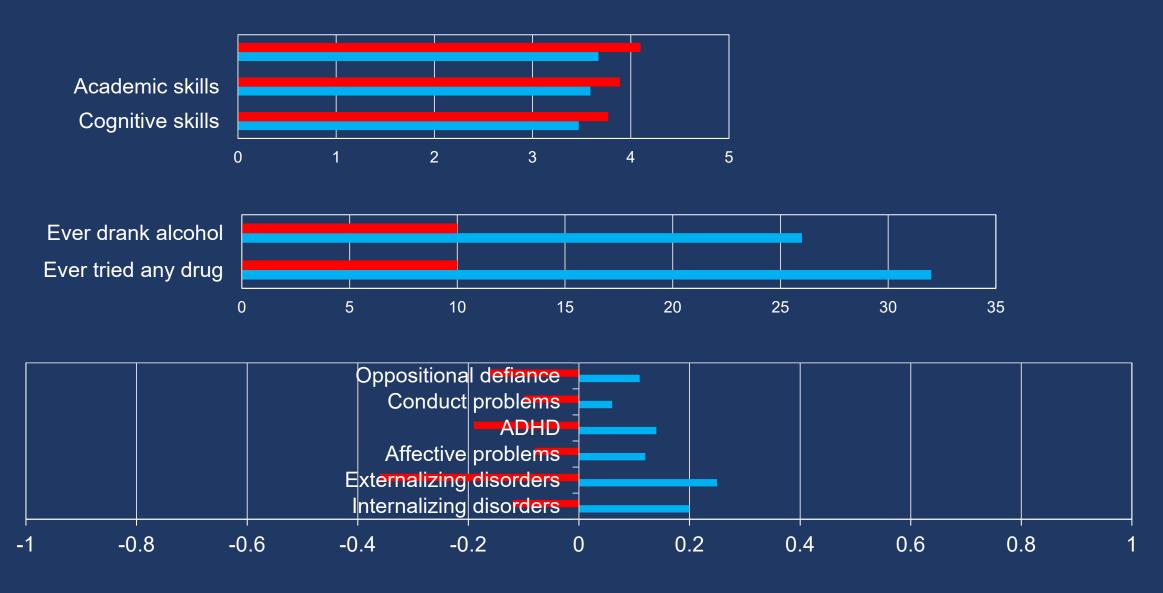
ABCD Data Release 3.0 Fall 2020 – 6-month and 1-year follow-up data for the full cohort; interim 18-, 24-, 30-month data

Effects of Lead Exposure on Cognition and Brain Structure Modulated by Socioeconomics (ABCD 9712; 9-10 years old)



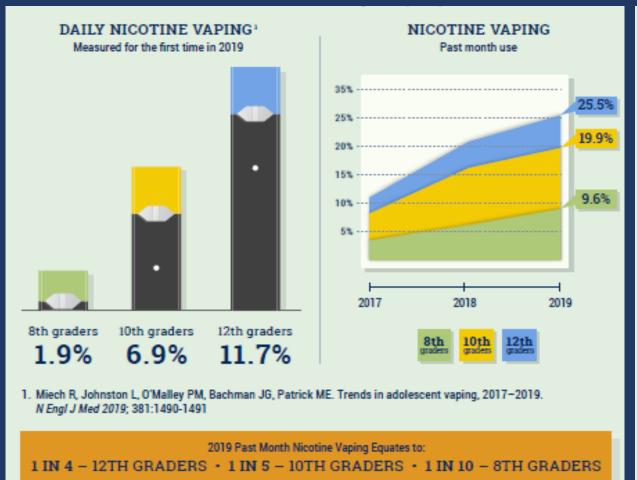


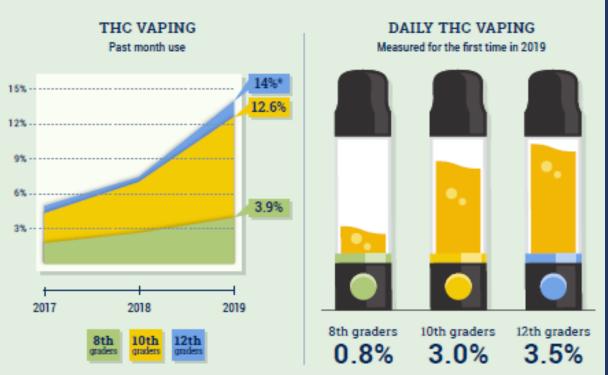
Children of Parents who were in Raising Healthy Children Intervention in Grades 1-6 (n=72) Compared to Controls (n=110) through ages 1-18



Significant Increases in Teens VAPING

NICOTINE





THC

SOURCE: University of Michigan, 2019
Monitoring the Future Study

*2018 - 2019 INCREASE IS THE SECOND LARGEST ONE-YEAR

JUMP EVER TRACKED FOR ANY SUBSTANCE IN THE 45-YEAR SURVEY

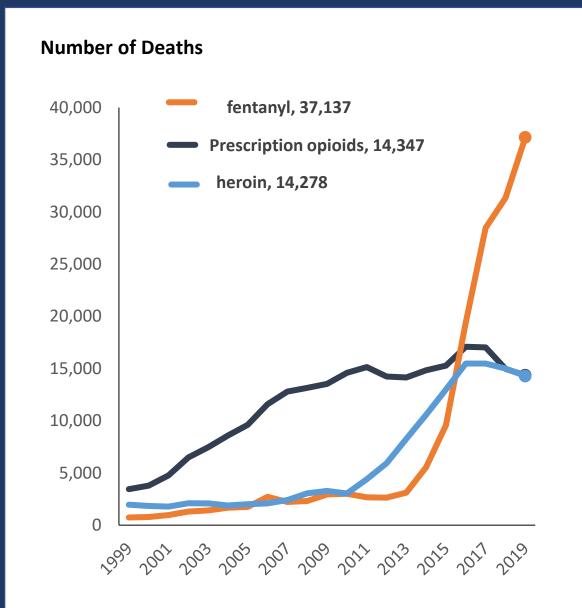
HISTORY (NICOTINE VAPING WAS THE LARGEST FROM 2017 - 2018)

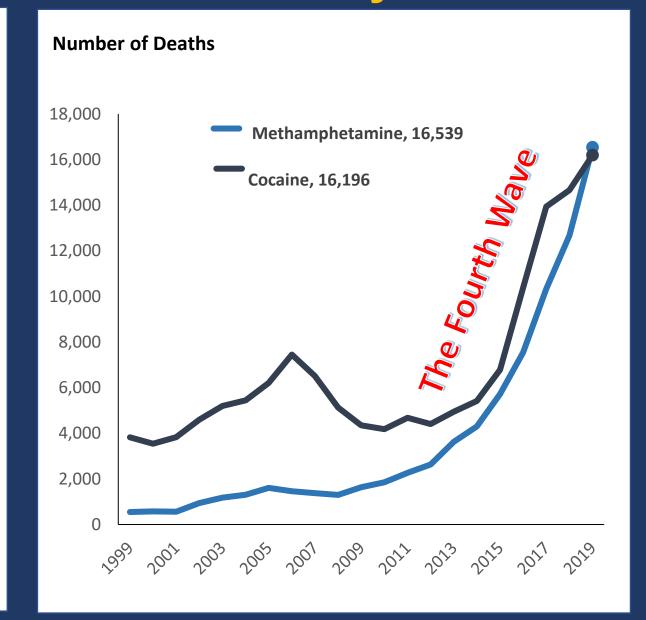
Vaping Of Marijuana and Nicotine Rose Sharply In The Past Three Years Among College-age (19-22 Years Old) Individuals



Source: Monitoring the Future 2019 Survey on College Age Adults.

Overdose Deaths in 2019 Increased by 4.6%

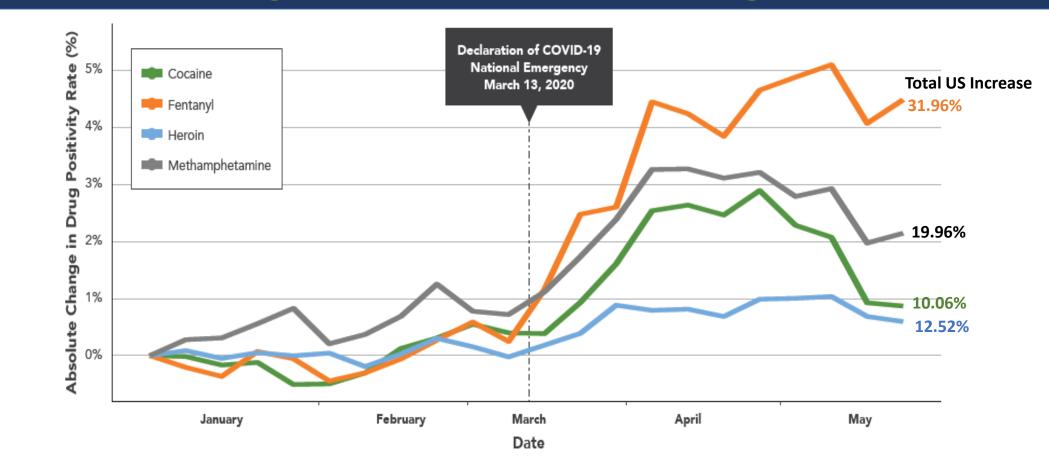




Intersection Between Opioid Crisis and COVID-19



Drug Use Increase During COVID

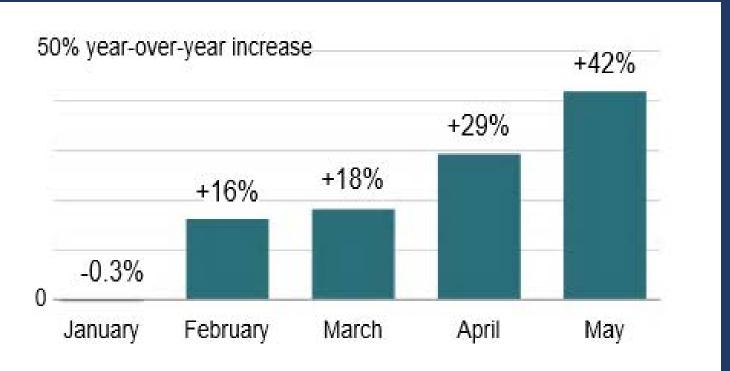


Millennium Health Signals Report™ COVID-19 Special Edition:
Significant Changes in Drug Use During the Pandemic Volume 2.1 Published July 2020

Total Study Population Change in Unadjusted Positivity Rate for Cocaine, Fentanyl, Heroin and Methamphetamine

Overdoses Grew Dramatically During COVID Pandemic

Overdoses increased up to 42% per month during the pandemic, as compared to the same months in 2019.

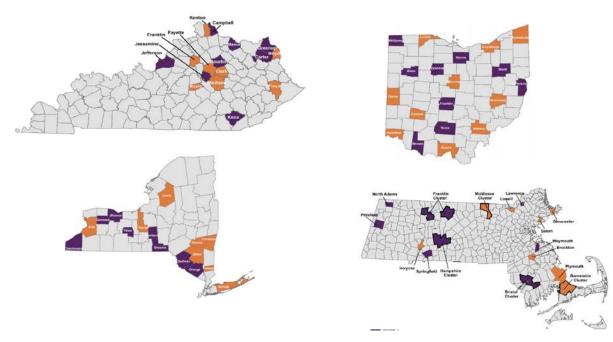


Note: Percent growth references the 1,201 agencies reporting to ODMAP by January



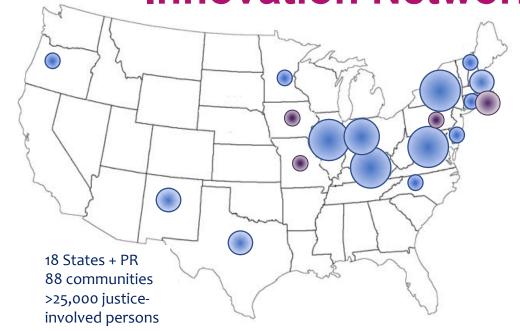
ALYSSA FOWERS/THE WASHINGTON POST

HEALing Communities Study



- Has the rate of overdoses changed?
- Impact on treatment initiation and retention
- Impact on drug access in the community
- Challenges to providers and first responders
- Challenges to those with SUD

Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network

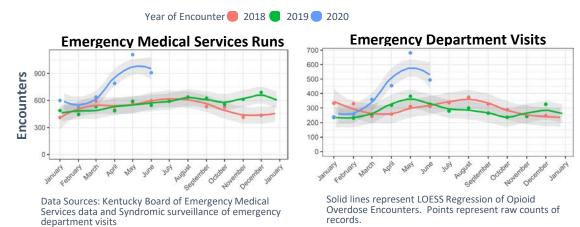


- Compiled >120 guidelines/resources for justice systems responding to COVID-19
- Advisory group to provide real-time information to NIDA COVID-19 impact in justice settings

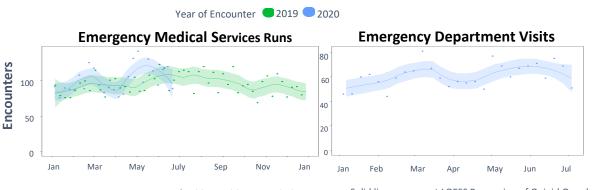


Overdose Encounters in HEALing Communities States

Kentucky HCS Opioid Overdose-related Encounters: 2018-2020, N=16 Communities



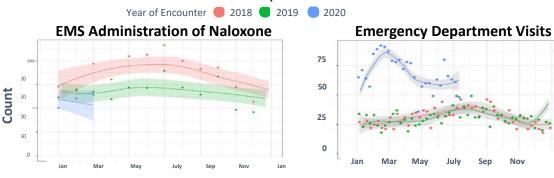
Massachusetts HCS Opioid Overdose-related Encounters: 2019-2020, N=16 Communities



Data Sources: MA Department of Public Health; MA Ambulance Trip Information System and Syndromic Surveillance data

Solid lines represent LOESS Regression of Opioid Overdose Encounters. Points represent raw counts of records.

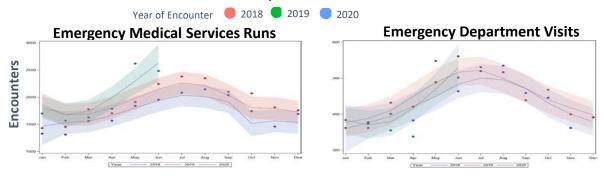
New York HCS Opioid Overdose-related Encounters: 2018-2020, N=16 Communities



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Ohio HCS Opioid Overdose-related Encounters:

2018-2020, N=19 Communities



Data Sources: Ohio syndromic surveillance of emergency department visits

Solid lines represent LOESS Regression of Opioid Overdose\ Encounters. Points represent raw counts of records.



Data Sources: New York State Bureau of Emergency

Surveillance of emergency department visits

Medical Services and Trauma Systems and Syndromic

COVID Policy Changes for Prescribing Medications for OUD

Methadone (II)

- Prior to COVID:
 - only federally approved OTPs
 - in person for daily dosing
- Under COVID, SAMHSA allowed:
 - 3/16/2020: 28 day take home
 - 3/20/2020; for those under quarantine:
 surrogate take home or door-step delivery
 - Still requires in person visit for first dose

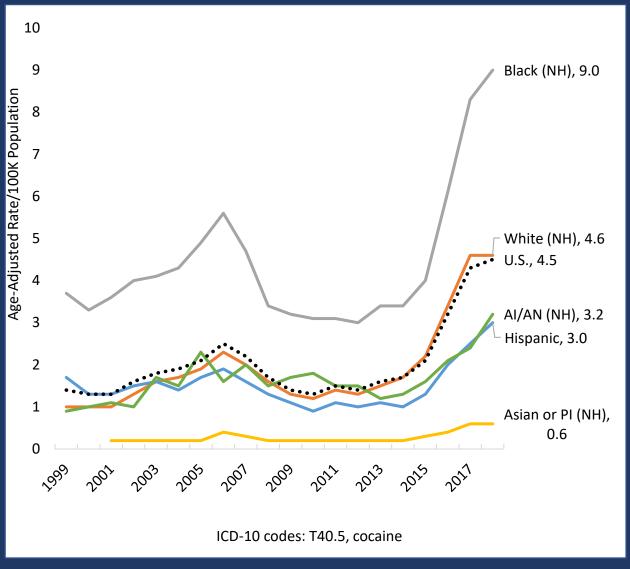
Buprenorphine (III)

- Prior to COVID:
 - Prescribed through pharmacies in outpatient settings
 - DATA 2000, limited to Clinicians with Bup waivers that required additional training and federal registration
 - Limited number of patients to treat.
 - In person evaluation for initial dose
- Under COVID, DEA allowed:
 - 3/17/2020: Buprenorphine initiation through telehealth (including phone) without in-person visit
 - Follow up can be via phone

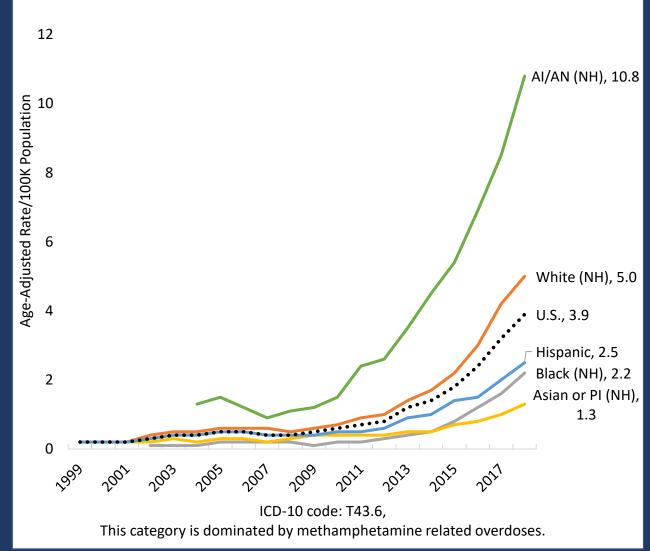
Additional Opportunities in SUD Treatment Under COVID

- Increased use of telemedicine and its reimbursement
 Expanded access to Treatment of Co-morbid conditions
 Expanded access to Behavioral Treatments
 Establishment of Mental Health hot lines
 Deployment of virtual support meetings and coaches
- Changes in Justice settings
 Release of non-violent offenders with SUD from jails/prisons
 Expanded use of telemedicine including for MOUD
 Expanded opportunities for education via web-based program

U.S. Overdose Deaths Involving Cocaine, by Race



U.S. Overdose Deaths Involving Methamphetamine, by Race



Stimulant (Cocaine and Methamphetamine) Use Disorder Medication Pipeline

Early Preclinical T2L: (>12 yrs)		Late Preclinical (10-12 yrs)	Ph I (6-10 yrs)	Ph lb (5-9 yrs)	Ph II (4-6 yrs)		Ph III (3-5 yrs)
SBI-0069330 or SBI-0801315 * + mGluR2 PAM	GLT-1 up-regulator *	Orexin-1 antagonist *	dAdGNE * Anti-cocaine vaccine	Mirtazapine * NE/5HT antagonist	NS2359 * DAT/NET/SERT inhib.	Mavoglurant * mGluR5 non-competitive antagonist	
NOP/Kappa/Mu ligands *	Meth vaccine +	IXT-m200 + Long-duration anti-meth mAb	Cocaine hydrolase gene therapy *	Duloxetine & Methylphenidate + NET/SERT inh. & CNS stim.	Bupropion * DAT/NET inhibitor	Lorcaserin *	
PTPRD ligands * +	Cocaine hydrolase *	Methamphetamin e Conjugate Vaccine	h2E2 * Anti-cocaine mAb	Lorcaserin * 5-HT2C agonist	Adderall * Mixed amph. salts	EMB-001 * Metyrapone/oxazopam GC synth inhib/benzo.	
Peptidic KOR agonists *	VMAT-2 inhibitor +			Cariprazine * D3/D2/5HT1A partial agonist	Ketamine * NMDA antag.	Guanfacine * α2A agonist	
				Pomaglumetad methionil + mGluR2/3 agonist prodrug	IXT-m200 + Anti-meth mAb		
				Clavulanic acid * GLT-1 activator			

* cocaine + meth * + cocaine or meth



SCIENTIFIC STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

- Research Training and Workforce Diversity
- Communication and Dissemination of Science
- Public-Private Partnerships and Collaboration
- Research Infrastructure Development
- Rigor and Reproducibility of Evidence



NIDA Initiative to Promote Racial Equity

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- Ipolia Ramadan, HQ/DER
- Carmen Rosa, HQ/CTN
- David White, HQ/DTMC

Science Behind Addiction LIVE Video series

Addressing Race, Equity and Inclusion





Emergency Care and SUD During COVID-19









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Harwood/Anderson Service Award

This award is given to a member or non-member of NASADAD in recognition of their distinguished service in the field of addiction research, training, and evaluation.

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